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THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I think, Sir, tenants have to take moral courage into their hearts and enforce their rights."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know when the amended Bill is expected before the House? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The Bill has already been drafted and awaits approval of the Committee; after approval, it will be introduced."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Before the Bill is introduced, would Government consider the desirability of including a provision in it to give an opportunity to the tenant and the landlord to come to an agreement before the Rent Controller, as was being done when the House Control Order was in force? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" To bring them together every time would be rather difficult."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" But that provision was working satisfactorily under the House Rent Control Order. If the Hon. Minister has got statistics of cases under the Order, before the Act was passed, he would see how many cases were settled; it is a very healthy provision conducive to better relations between the landlord and tenant."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I will go in detail into the procedure adopted according to the information furnished by the hon. Member in olden times and see if that can be done."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Now that the Government have admitted that evictions have been abnormal for the year 1947, could the Government consider the desirability of introducing a provision to review eviction which has been ordered for the past one year by the Rent Controller? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" There is a provision in the amending Bill by which a certain retrospective period is fixed for revision to the High Court? "

Grant of cultivable land in the Vizagapatam district.

* 7 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of uncultivated land fit for cultivation in the Vizagapatam district;

(b) whether there is any proposal to grant such lands to Harijan agricultural labourers; and

(c) whether steps are being taken in that direction?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (a) to (c) The Government have no information but have called for a report."